

FRENCH RECAPTURE AND LOSE FLEURY

SIGN TREATY
TOPURCHASE
DANISH ISLESSecretary Lansing at New
York Carries On Negotia-
tions With Envoy.

INVOLVES \$25,000,000

St. Thomas, St. Croix and St.
John Offered for That
Sum By Denmark.Washington, Aug. 4.—Acting Sec-
retary Polk announced today that the
treaty by which the United States is
to purchase the Danish West Indies
from Denmark for \$25,000,000 was
signed at New York this morning by
Secretary Lansing and Minister Con-
stantino Brun.The treaty provides for the transfer
to the United States of three islands—
St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John—
which have been the subject of negotia-
tions between the United States and
Denmark for many years.It is understood the administration
will ask for ratification by the senate
during the present session. No re-
ally serious opposition to the price is
expected.Secretary Lansing, who has been
spending his vacation at Watertown,
N. Y., went to New York to meet Min-
ister Brun.New York, Aug. 4.—Secretary Lan-
sing and the Danish minister affixed
their signatures to the Danish-American
treaty at a hotel where both are
stopping here.

No Formalities in Ceremony.

The treaty was signed in duplicate
at Mr. Lansing's suite at 10:15 o'clock.
The American secretary came here
from Watertown, N. Y., and Minister
Brun from his summer home in Bar
Harbor, Me. Copies of the treaty were
brought here from Washington by L.
H. Woolsey of the state department,
who was the only witness to the cer-
emony which was conducted without
formalities.Mr. Brun said he would immediately
forward his copy to his government
for ratification by the Danish rigsdag.

Details Withheld.

Washington, Aug. 4.—After today's
cabinet meeting Mr. Polk announced
that no details of the treaty for the
purchase of the Danish West Indies
would be made public at present. It
is understood that the state depart-
ment desires to wait until the senate
and the Danish parliament considers
it.APPROVE PROMOTION
OF VON HINDENBURGAmsterdam, Aug. 4.—The appoint-
ment of Field Marshal von Hindenburg
to the supreme command on the eastern
front is hailed by the German press
as a masterful stroke."He is the right man in the right
place. A desire long since cherished
by our people, but never directly ex-
pressed is now fulfilled. In the present
crisis on the eastern front the con-
solidation of the army groups was a
necessity. All commanders of the
eastern armies will readily and un-
derstandingly submit to von Hinden-
burg's authority."The Koelnische Volks Zeitung says:
"Germany's confidence in her army
leaders in the east was never shaken
but the appointment of von Hinden-
burg increases this confidence to cer-
tainty."ILLINOIS TROOPS
FIGHT RIO GRANDEBrownsville, Tex., Aug. 4.—A troop,
a first Illinois cavalry, was armed to-
day with hoes and shovels to repel
a possible attack by the Rio Grande.
A 12-foot rise in the level of the river
in the last 24 hours has brought it to
within a foot of the top of the levee
protecting the troops' camp here.

Fairbanks to Tour Country.

New York, Aug. 4.—Charles W. Fair-
banks, republican vice presidential
nominee, will make a campaign tour
of the country similar to that now
planned for Charles E. Hughes. It
was said today at Republican national
headquarters that Mr. Fairbanks will
follow Mr. Hughes over virtually the
same ground.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and VicinityThunderstorms this afternoon and
tonight; Saturday generally fair and
cooler.Highest temperature yesterday 85;
lowest last night 72; at 7 a. m. to-
day 74.Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. two miles
an hour.Humidity at 7 p. m. 64; at 7 a. m.
64; at 1 o'clock today 84.Stage of water 5.4 feet, with a fall of
2.6 feet in the last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERMAN, Local Forecaster.

Strike Case
Acute; Break
Is ProbableNew York, Aug. 4.—Conferences of
the leaders of the four great brother-
hoods of railway employees represent-
ing 400,000 men, the majority of whom
are believed to have voted to strike
on 225 railway systems, were held
here today. These meetings were to
enable the leaders to decide upon
their course of action if the represen-
tatives of the railroads again refuse
their demand for an eight-hour day
and other changes. The labor leaders
declined to discuss the appeal to Pres-
ident Wilson to prevent the threat-
ened strike.Washington, Aug. 4.—Judge William
L. Chambers, commissioner of the
United States board of mediation and
conciliation, conferred with President
Wilson today over the threatened
strike of 400,000 railroad employees.Judge Chambers told the president
he believed there was nothing formal
that the federal government could do
until the railroad managers and the
representatives of the employees meet
again next week after counting of the
strike vote has been completed.Judge Chambers thinks there is still
a chance that an agreement will be
reached. The board of mediation and
conciliation expects to be called in
should a break appear inevitable.Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 4.—A move-
ment looking to an appeal to con-
gress for decisive action to prevent a
strike on the railroads of the country
has been inaugurated by employees on
the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis
railway. A petition signed by 6,000
representatives of the non-brother-
hood men has been signed. It sets
forth that 20 per cent of the employes,
representing the brotherhoods, should
not be allowed to throw the 80 per
cent out of work, and calls upon con-
gress to see that the trouble is averted.PLANNED TO START
A REIGN OF TERRORSan Francisco, Aug. 4.—That Thom-
as J. Mooney, one of the men indicted
for murder in connection with the
preparation of the bomb explosion
on July 22, planned to inaugurate a
reign of terror in San Francisco by
importing "direct action reds," was
the declaration of District Attorney
C. M. Fickert in making public today
correspondence discovered in Moon-
ey's apartment.One letter, addressed to an execu-
tive officer named Acker of the Indus-
trial Workers of the World, Chicago,
said:"I want to get in immediate touch
with 15 or 20 direct action reds—good,
vigorous reds."Reference was made to William Heywood,
national secretary of the I. W. W., as-
ked for "hot-blooded men."Henry J. Claussen of Alameda, Cal.,
who died here last night, was the
ninth victim of the bomb explosion
on July 22.

Resume Murder Inquiry.

St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 4.—A cor-
oner's jury was to resume its in-
quiry today into the mysterious mur-
der of Mrs. Oscar D. McDaniel, wife
of the prosecuting attorney of this
county, who died July 15 after she had
been clubbed in her home late the
night before.

THE WAR TODAY

Desperate fighting is in progress
north of Verdun where the French
three days ago took the offensive
and have scored notable gains in
the effort to drive back the Ger-
mans who had been hammering at
the gates of the fortress for more
than five months.After pushing to the outskirts of
Fleury, three miles north of Ver-
dun on Wednesday night, the
French brilliantly attacked the
place yesterday and carried it by
storm. Last night the crown
prince's troops launched furious
counter attacks and succeeded in
retaking the southern section of
the village.The French in an attack on a
three-mile front east from the river
Meuse pushed north along the
river toward the Vacherieville
wood and the Cote du Poivre and
further east attacked and gained
possession of Thiaumont redoubt.
They were compelled to withdraw
from the Thiaumont position, how-
ever. Meanwhile fighting on the
Somme front has dwindled to
minor operations. London reports
the gain of some ground west of
Pozières.Russians in the Stokhod region
have succeeded in effecting a new
advance.Petrograd today announces the
capture of the village of Rudka-
Miryskaja on the Stovok, a tribu-
tary of the Stokhod. This suc-
cess brings them within 19 miles
of Kovel, the objective of their
Volynia campaign.Another day passed without no-
table changes being reported from
any of the war fronts. Violent
fighting continues between the
Russians and Teutonic allies in
the Stokhod region and along the
Sereth and Dniester rivers.German counter attacks against
the British in the Delville wood
sector in France were repulsed.
Bombardments characterized op-
erations in France.In the Caucasus near Diebckr,
the Russians captured a Turkish
work and took some 300 prison-
ers.The Italians have made some
progress against the Austrians in
the Traravos valley.CONFAB BODY
IS NAMED IN
MEXICO NOTEReply to Last American
Paper Received—Gives
Commission Personnel.

EXPECT EARLY START

Belief Expressed That De-
parture of Envoys Will
Not Be Long Delayed.Washington, Aug. 4.—General
Carranza's reply to the last Amer-
ican note accepting his suggestion
for a joint commission to adjust
border differences, but proposing
a broader scope for the commis-
sion's work was delivered to the
state department today by Elizeo
Arredondo, the Mexican ambas-
sador designate. It announces the
appointment of three Mexican com-
missioners with instructions to
"devote their attention preferably
to the solution of the points men-
tioned in the previous note."Thus the de facto government ap-
parently rejects the proposal that the
commission consider other questions
than the military situation and limits
its discussions to the subjects origi-
nally suggested by Carranza—with-
drawal of American troops from Mex-
ico; formulation of a protocol to cover
future operations against bandits and
investigation of interests which may
have promoted border raids.The note was in Spanish. Acting
Secretary Polk declined to discuss it
until an official translation could be
made.If it is accepted the next step will be
negotiations between Mr. Polk and Mr.
Arredondo to fix the time and place
for meetings of the commissioners.
President Wilson already has under
consideration a series of named sug-
gestions for the American membership.

Expect Early Settlement.

Hope for an early solution of pend-
ing difficulties was confidently ex-
pressed by Mr. Arredondo after leav-
ing the department. He said he ex-
pected to reach an agreement with Mr.
Polk by tomorrow as to the date and
meeting place and that he would wire
the Mexican commissioners what the
expectation that they would be in at
least 10 days. He said Asbury Park, N.
J., or Old Point Comfort, Va., probably
would be selected.

Will Start Soon.

Mexico City, Aug. 4.—The departure
from Mexico City for the United States
of Luis Cabrera and Alberto Pani, who
with Ygnacio Bonillas have been se-
lected to reach a settlement with the
United States commissioners con-
stituted at issue between the two
countries will not be long delayed ac-
cording to the general belief here.It is possible that the commissioners
may travel north on one of the vessels
of the Mexican navy, the Bravo or the
Zaragoza, which are now at Vera Cruz,
it is expected that their departure
would be delayed by the infrequent
sailing of merchant vessels.

Text of Note.

The text follows:

"Mr. Secretary: In due reply to the
courteous note of the department of
state dated July 28, 1916, I have the
honor to say to your excellency that
the first chief of the constitutionalist
army in charge of the executive power
of the Mexican republic congratulates
himself upon the laudable efforts of
the American government to arrive
at a solution of existing difficulties be-
tween the two countries, and to that
effect, considering it of the greatest
importance that a prompt decision be
reached on the points which have
caused the existing differences between
the United States and Mexico, referred
to in the note of the Mexican govern-
ment dated July 4, last, has seen fit to
appoint at once a commission of three
persons constituted by Licenciado Luis
Cabrera, Engineer Ignacio Bonillas
and Engineer Alberto J. Pani, to whom
instructions have been given to devote
their attention preferably to the resolu-
tion of the points mentioned in the
previous note of this department."Licenciado Eliseo Arredondo has
been authorized to treat with the de-
partment of state the matter of details
relating to the place and date in which
the commissioners of the Mexican gov-
ernment should meet the commis-
sioners of the government of the United
States in order to commence their labors."I reiterate to your excellency the
assurance of my highest consideration,
"C. AGUILAR,
"Secretary of Foreign Relations."GUESTS ARE ROUTED
BY BLAZE IN HOTELBloomington, Ill., Aug. 4.—Fifteen
guests were routed out of bed at 3:30
this morning by fire which destroyed
the Stanger hotel at Anchor. The loss
was about \$7,000 with no insurance.
The business section of the city was
saved only by the fact that a high
wind that blew the flames in the op-
posite direction. A small cottage nearby
was destroyed.

YOU CAN LEAD A HORSE TO WATER, BUT YOU CAN'T MAKE HIM DRINK

English Put
More Yank
Ships on ListLondon, Aug. 4. (3:15 p. m.)—The
latest blacklist of neutral shipping
issued today by the trades division of
the admiralty represents 152,656 tons
of steamers and sailing vessel un-
available to British charterers on the
claim that they are now or have been
engaged in unneutral service.The latest list contains, in addition
to those published in a previous list,
the names of the following ships fly-
ing the American flag:Clara Davis, Fannie Patter and
Oakley C. Curtis, all sailing vessels.
These American ships have been re-
moved from the blacklist since its last
publication.Steamer Seneca and sailing ship Ed-
gar W. Murdock.BRITISH VESSEL
SINKS SUB, CLAIMGerman Undersea Craft Is Worsted in
Battle With Steamer Strath-
ness, Captain Asserts.Baltimore, Md., Aug. 4.—Captain
David Thomson, master of the British
steamship Strathness, which arrived
here today from Mediterranean ports,
told of an engagement which he de-
clared his vessel had with a German
submarine on July 15 in which the
submersible was sunk.Two gunners from the British navy,
who were in charge of a six-pound
gun mounted on the after deck of the
Strathness for defense purposes sank
the submarine, according to Captain
Thomson, when a ball struck it amid-
ships, causing an explosion. He said
the under water boat dived suddenly
and was not seen again.While the Strathness was struck
several times, once by a torpedo, no
great damage was done and the
freighter escaped with several dented
plates and portions of her superstruc-
ture demolished.DOWNPOUR DEATH
TOLL INCREASESMiddlesboro, Ky., Aug. 4.—A revised
list of dead reported today from
Blair's creek in the Barren creek reg-
ion of northern Tennessee, shows that
the cloudburst Wednesday night
claimed a total of 28 dead. Ten others
are reported as missing.Property damage will go higher than
\$150,000.Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 4.—Fourteen
bodies have been recovered, 25 are
known to be dead and a family of eight
is missing, according to late reports
from the scene of the disastrous flood
which swept Claiborne county near
Tazewell Wednesday night. Funerals
of many of the victims were held today.BRITISH OBSERVE
WAR ANNIVERSARYLondon, Aug. 4.—Throughout the
British empire today the second anni-
versary of Great Britain's declaration
of war was observed. Meetings were
held and resolutions passed declaring
a "determination to continue to a vic-
torious end the struggle in the main-
tenance of those ideals of liberty and
justice which are the common and
sacred cause of the allies."Sir Francis Floyd, General officer
commanding the London district,
spoke to 4,000 wounded from the Lon-
don hospitals this afternoon.BLACK LIST WILL
NOT BE ENFORCEDGreat Britain Gives Evidence of Intent
to Alleviate Noxious Features
of Embargo.(By John Callan O'Laughlin in Chi-
cago Tribune.)Washington, Aug. 4.—Great Britain
has given evidence to the state depart-
ment of her purpose not to enforce the
"black list" against the United States.An answer to the recent protest
presented to the London government
by direction of the president is being
drafted, and, while it is expected to
uphold the principle back of the British
action, there will be assurances
that the policy proclaimed will not be
generally applied and that due consid-
eration will be given to American in-
terests.Even in the cases of the firms
blacklisted the understanding of the
department is that the rigorous mea-
sures ordered against most of them
will not be carried out. Wherever dam-
age is caused illegitimately payment
thereof will be made.

Keep Within Limitations.

With Great Britain's purpose to
cripple the trade of her enemies the
United States can have no quarrel,
provided, of course, the action taken
is in accordance with the require-
ments of international law.British control of the operations of
British subjects is unquestionable.
Only where such control affects Amer-
ican interests can this government
properly complain and require redress.
It is within these limitations that the
president directed the recent protest
to be handed to the British govern-
ment.The "black list" measure is im-
portant in itself, but it is only a fea-
ture of the policy of restriction upon
enemy trade which has been applied
by Great Britain. Against this gen-
eral policy the United States will pro-
test in no uncertain language.CONTINUING PROBE
OF MEDICAL CASESChicago, Aug. 4.—A far reaching in-
quiry into medical and surgical prac-
titioners of Illinois who may have ob-
tained their licenses to practice illeg-
ally, was promised today as the result
of disclosures before the Illinois state
board of health and the action of the
state dental board in procuring war-
rants for four alleged professional
"examination takers."Board of health officials predicted
today that before the inquiry is ended
many medical licenses will be revoked
and that fully 100 persons who fraudu-
lently obtained entrance to dental col-
leges will be arrested.It was expected that the four men
for whom warrants were issued at the
instance of Secretary Seifert of the
dental board yesterday will be placed
in custody today. They are all local
men.Hearing by the state board of health
of the charges against Dr. Amante
Rogetti was continued today. He is
accused of unprofessional conduct in
allegedly assisting another physician
to obtain fraudulently a medical
diploma upon which a license was sub-
sequently issued and for which the
victim is alleged to have paid \$600.

DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE.
Met at 10 a. m.
Resumed debate on child labor
bill.Conferences were continued on
naval and army appropriation
bills.HOUSE.
Met at noon.
Considered conference report on
agriculture appropriation.TEUTONS ARE
DRIVEN FROM
TOWN, CLAIMFortress Lost to Germans
Month Ago—Several
Hundred Taken.

FOE SPRINGS COUNTER

Kaiser's Men Later Regain
Village in Feroocious
Assault, Report.Berlin, Aug. 4. (via London 5:05
p. m.)—The village of Fleury,
north of Verdun, was regained by
the Germans this morning, it was
officially announced today by the
German army headquarters.
The situation at Fleury and its
vicinity, the statement adds, now
is the same as it was before the
French attack.Paris, Aug. 5.—Attacking simul-
taneously from the northwest and
from the southeast French troops
yesterday stormed the village of
Fleury, three miles north of Ver-
dun, and captured several hun-
dred Germans. In the evening,
however, the Germans launched a
furious counter attack and after
several violent attempts succeed-
ed in getting a footing in the
southern part of the village. The
French today continue to hold the
northern section of the place and
heavy fighting is in progress.On the right bank of the river
Meuse, north of Verdun, the battle
continues along the front of Thia-
mont-Fleury, the Germans attacking
several times during the night with
great fury, it was announced officially
this afternoon by the French war
department. At one period the French
entered Thiaumont earthworks, but
withdrew owing to the intensity of
the German bombardment, taking 80
prisoners.

Struggle Is Violent.

Around Fleury the struggle was
equally violent. The Germans attack-
ed the village several times and suc-
ceeded finally in getting a footing in
the south part of the village. The
French still are holding the northern
section and fighting is still going on,
the statement adds.All attempts made by the Germans
to drive the French from the station
southeast of Fleury were frustrated.
The French positions at Vacherau-
ville also were attacked during the
night, but the Germans were thrown
back with severe loss.

Verdun Again War Center.

Verdun is again in the center of the
war stage. The recapture of Fleury
which had been held by the Germans
more than a month has caused great
excitement in France. It is the first fruit
of the French slow and methodical of-
fensive begun three days ago and
seems, French military observers say,
to mark an epoch in the six months'
battle for the great fortress on the
Meuse.The Germans appear to be less and
less capable of operating on their old
overwhelming scale and the initia-
tive, military men here think, is about
to pass to the French for good.It is 20 days since the Germans made
their last big attack on the right bank
of the Meuse, by which they obtained
small results at heavy cost. On the
left bank of the Meuse nothing beyond
local actions have been attempted by
the invaders for a week.

Prepare for a Fortnight.

French bomb throwers for a fort
night past, in anticipation of the pres-
ent offensive, had been creeping for-
ward by the Vignes ravine, west of
Froide Terre, with the object of get-
ting near Thiaumont work by work-
ing around Hill No. 365.The bombers first reached the Bras-
Fleury road. They then separated into
two parties, one going to the eastward
toward Thiaumont work and the sec-
ond pushing northward toward Vach-
erauville and Pepper hill. Last week
the first party stormed a redoubt west
of Thiaumont and after a stiff fight
went beyond that position. The second

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CHICAGO PLANNING
TO RECEIVE HUGHESChicago, Aug. 4.—Definite plans for
the reception of Charles Evans
Hughes, when he comes to Chicago
next Tuesday, were made public by
republican leaders here today. The
presidential candidate will have a
strenuous day of it from the time he
reaches the city at 8 o'clock a. m. to
the time he departs for St. Paul at 10:10
p. m.A round of conferences with nation-
al leaders at the new national head-
quarters will be held before noon and
shortly thereafter, Mr. Hughes will
be the chief figure in a public recep-
tion. In the afternoon he will be
driven through the park system of the
city. In the evening the nominee will
deliver his principal address at the
coliseum. This address, it is said, will
be the signal for the opening of the re-
publican campaign in the middle
west.